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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 9:58 AM
To: 's
Subject: RE: ND-2015-20-E Duke Energy Carolinas:Foothills Transmission and Substation Project

Dear Ms. Lindsay,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your email will become a part of ND-2015-20-E - Duke Energy Carolinas: Foothills Transmission and Substation Project- 45-Mile Transmission Line Between Asheville, NC, Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, SC, and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Coordinator

From: Boyd, Jocelyn
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 8:28 AM
To: Duke, Daphne; Easterling, Deborah; DeSanty, Tricia
Subject: FW: ND-2015-20-E Duke Energy Carolinas:Foothills Transmission and Substation Project

From: Stacey :
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 8:07 AM
To: Boyd, Jocelyn; elliottt.elam@psc.sc.gov; Fleming, Lib; Hall, Nikki; Hamilton, Oneal; Howard, Butch; Randall, Randy; Whitfield, Swain
Subject: ND-2015-20-E Duke Energy Carolinas:Foothills Transmission and Substation Project

I have attached my letter to Lynn Good, CEO of Duke Energy. It expresses my concerns, and those of many others, regarding the proposed Duke Energy project. I beg you to read this letter. The destruction of the Foothills area of South Carolina from an economic and environmental standpoint will be indescribable if this project is allowed to proceed.

Thank you for providing the opportunity on August 27 for Foothills residents, landowners and other concerned parties to make their concerns known in a public forum.

Sincerely,

Stacey Lindsay

Landrum, SC 29356

August 17, 2015

Ms. Lynn Good
CEO, Duke Energy
526 S. Church Street
Charlotte NC 28202

Dear Ms. Good:

My name is Stacey Lindsay, and I am writing with great concern over the negative effects that the Duke Transmission Line Project will have in my community. I am a lifelong resident of SC and USC graduate (BS Accounting '75, MBA '78). I had a 35 year career in commercial banking before retiring in 2013. I moved to Greenville, SC from Columbia, in 1981, and to Gowensville (in upper Greenville County) in 1993. I have the following questions and concerns:

- 1) Why, if in the Duke Energy 2014 Annual Report, it is clearly stated that demand is flat and declining *for the foreseeable future* (direct quote), is this project necessary at all? This is extremely contradictory to Duke's current statement that demand is expected to increase.
- 2) It appears that the study was undertaken using old maps, with no regard to updating the information available to Duke as new structures were constructed. Further, it appears that no site visits were made to determine the impact on the area from an ecological, economic and quality of life standpoint to the area's residents and businesses. Have executive level employees of Duke ever visited the Foothills to determine the vicious impact that the Transmission Line Project will have upon the main economic driver of this area, e.g. the natural beauty and unspoiled nature of the land and mountains?
- 3) It is the unquestioned contention by Foothills residents that the Project is not needed at all. However, why has Duke not placed the proposed upgraded lines along existing right of ways to minimize the impact of increased KV needs/construction?
- 4) Why was a tract of land located at the site of the proposed Campobello substation purchased by a Duke agent from a former political official at a price that is extremely high compared to any comparable property sales in the area?
- 5) Huge efforts have been made to protect this area through conservation easements and other land protection measures. Why have the proposed routes been planned without any consideration to the environmental effects that the proposed new lines will have on these efforts?

The items above are my primary areas of concern and require factual responses from Duke. I do have comments that relate more to areas that are more subjective. There seems to have been no consideration for the following issues:

- destruction of wildlife habitat as a result of the construction process and herbicides used to maintain right of ways.

- complete lack of awareness of the economic importance of the equestrian economy to the Foothills, which requires a large amount of open space and area unspoiled by the proposed industrialized construction.

- lack of awareness of the degree to which the Foothills have become a retirement mecca for those seeking unspoiled natural beauty, lovely views of the mountains and a rural character. At one time, Tryon NC had the leading per capita readership of the Wall Street Journal and other business publications due to the number of executives who had chosen to retire here. Very significant economic investment has been made by those retirees who now face the possibility of the transmission towers and lines running through their back yards.

- destruction of the heritage of the historic Foothills area, which has been home to Scouting and other children's camps, moonshiners, small farmers, and Revolutionary sites. My family has had small farms in the area for over 100 years. 50 years ago I often visited the farm of my great aunt, not 10 miles from here, in Tigerville, SC, in the foothills of the mountains of Greenville County. This was a typical farm where chickens, cows, hogs and gardens provided the sustenance of the residents. The heritage of this area is filled with these stories and a wish for the area to remain rural and agricultural.

I hope that you and others will actually take the time to read this letter, and the many other letters that will be submitted. I have signed the petition for Duke to reconsider the proposed action. All commissions, agencies, and elected officials will receive copies of this letter, and it may be submitted for publication.

Sincerely,

Stacey Lindsay

Landrum, SC 20356

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